following major units in the country for R & D and Extension support:

(i) 3 Central Sericulture Research & Training Institutes.

(ii) 1 Central Technological Research & Training Institute.

(iii) 15 Regional Sericulture Research Stations.

(iv) 64 Research & Extension Centres.

(v) 262 Chawki Rearing Centres.

(vi) 21 Silkwork Seed Production Centres and 14 Basic Seed Farms under the National Silkwork Seed Project.

(vii) 20 Basic Seed Multiplication Tasar Centres.

Besides, the Intensive Sericulture Development Projects are being implemented in the States of West Bengal, Orissa and the North-East Region.

Hike in textile prices

1395. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an alarming spurt in textile prices in the country during the last three months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that NTC has increased the price of Janata cloth;

(c) whether the poor people in the country have been severely affected due to hike in textile prices; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) NTC produces controlled cloth. There has been no increase in the prices of controlled cloth after 1st October, 1987.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Working of the Central Board for the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution

1396. SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of performance of the Central Board for the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution so far; and

(b) what was the degree of pollution before the Board was constituted and what is the degree now, with details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The performance of the Central Board for the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution is related to its objectives of promoting cleanliness of streams and wells and improving quality of air and preventing, controlling and abating air pollution in the country. The performance of the Board so far includes the following:

(i) National water quality monitoring net-work to ascertain the water quality status of rivers and lakes has been set up.

(ii) National ambient air quality monitoring network in cities has been set-up.

(iii) Industry specific Minimal National Standard (MINAS) for effluents and emissions have been evolved.

(iv) National inventory of water polluting industries to ascertain the statu regarding effluent treatment plants in th large and medium sector industries ha been prepared.

(v) River basin studies to asses an monitor water quality and prop management of water resources hav been conducted.

(vi) The Ganga river basin studies ha been conducted in depth resulting in t preparation of the Ganga Action Pl for prevention and control of pollutio in the Ganga.

(vii) Water quality in sea coasts being monitored.